

## History of the Stewart Farm

This farm consists of east half lots 18 and 19, concession 2 situated on the 3rd line in the Township of Horton. This farm to date has been in the Stewart name for 96 years now being operated by the 3rd generation a grandson of the purchaser who was Alexander Stewart whom purchased E. half lot 19 concession 2 from the Crown on February 5, 1852.

Alexander Stewart known as Sandy use to walk from his father's homestead on the 2nd line on the other side of Renfrew now owned by J.C. McLaren every day accompanied by one of his brothers to clear enough land to erect a shanty. The residence and farm buildings to-day stands on that lot, but half an acre was sold a year or so later to School Section No. 6 for a school to be erected.

Duncan McLaren purchased E. half Lot 18 Concession 2 on February 5, 1852, and gave it to his daughter Mrs. Alexander Stewart and Mr. Stewart in March 26, 1870. This lot has changed hands a few times, October 13, 1883, Alexander Stewart gave it to his son James whom afterwards sold it back to his father in December 13, 1886 and moved to California. This now made the Alexander Stewart farm consist of 200 acres.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Stewart had a family of six boys and four girls to bless their home. This family was a Scotch descent and belonged to the Royal Stewart Tartan Clan. They lived in the shanty which was erected until they built a larger one, turning the old one into a pig house, but misfortune came along and the new shanty was burnt but the neighborly spirit appeared, as the neighbors came and helped to clean the old shanty to make it livable again. After this they built a log house which stood for years until the present cement block house which now stands was built by Alexander's son John, around 1910, who inherited the farm after his father's death in July 1902. Then John Stewart's one and only son Donald inherited it after his father's death on July 3, 1943 who is now the sole owner and operator, with his mother and sister Frances living with him.

In June of 1949 this spacious home was installed with electric and since have obtained many of the electrical conveniences which a farm home should have.

Written by Frances Stewart in 1948